

Daily Digest

Highlights

The House passed H.R. 2419, Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007.

The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, Improving America's Security Act of 2007.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2:00 p.m., on Monday, July 30, 2007.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3202–3219; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 195; and H. Res. 582–583 were introduced. **Pages H8820–21**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8821–22**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2847, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to establish an energy efficiency and renewable energy worker training program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–262);

H. Res. 579, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2831) to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice (H. Rept. 110–263);

H. Res. 580, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 986) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as com-

ponents of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (H. Rept. 110–264);

H. Res. 581, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3161) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–265);

H.R. 1315, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide specially adaptive housing assistance to certain disabled members of the Armed Forces residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–266);

H.R. 2623, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the collection of copayments for all hospice care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–267); and

H.R. 2874, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the provision of health care to veterans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–268). **Pages H8819–20**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Altmire to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8745**

Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 756. Consideration of the measure began on Thursday, July 26th. **Pages H8747–89**

Rejected the Goodlatte motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with amendments, by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 755. **Pages H8786–88**

Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2419, pursuant to H. Res. 574, the amendment offered en bloc by Representative Peterson (MN) is considered as modified by striking amendment No. 9 and is considered as adopted as so modified. Further agreed that amendments No. 9 and 11 are permitted to be offered at any time. **Page H8757**

Agreed to:

Boustany amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that states that in the case of sweet potatoes, Risk Management Agency Pilot Program data shall not be considered for purposes of determining production for the 2005–2006 Farm Service Agency Crop Disaster Program; **Page H8761**

Peterson (MN) en bloc amendment consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261: Terry modified amendment (No. 20) that creates a competitive demonstration project designed to provide proof of concept in supplementing corn with sweet sorghum as an ethanol feedstock and Hall (NY) amendment (No. 29) that establishes a program to encourage environmentally responsible practices on actively farmed muck soil land; and **Pages H8763–68**

Jackson-Lee amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that expresses the sense of Congress that the food available to schoolchildren under the school breakfast and lunch program should be selected so as to reduce the incidence of juvenile obesity and to maximize nutritional value (by a recorded vote of 422 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 748). **Pages H8751–53, H8774–75**

Rejected:

Manzullo modified amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that sought to exempt the Environmental Quality Incentives Program from the \$60,000 and \$125,000 payment limitations, resetting it to the \$450,000 limitation that is in the current law; **Pages H8757–59**

Rangel amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that sought to remove certain banking restrictions related to Cuba's payment for agricultural purchases from U.S. producers and to authorize direct transfers between Cuban banks and

U.S. banks and to allow visas to be issued to conduct activities related to purchasing U.S. agricultural goods (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 749); **Pages H8753–55, H8775–76**

Boehner amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that sought to replace the current daily posted county prices used for determining loan deficiency payment rates and repayment rates for marketing assistance loans with a monthly PCP for each crop (by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 750); **Pages H8755–57, H8776**

Davis (IL) amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that sought to strike the sugar sections in the commodity title as well as the feedstock flexibility program for bioenergy producers, extending current programs until 2012 (by a recorded vote of 144 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 751); **Pages H8761–63, H8776–77**

Udall (CO) amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that sought to reduce the direct payment rate for cotton by 2/3 of a cent and use the resulting savings to fund enrollment of 224,000 additional acres in the Grasslands Reserve Program (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 752); **Pages H8769–70, H8777–78**

Putnam amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that sought to prohibit individuals from receiving farm conservation payments if their income exceeds \$1 million, unless 75% of the income comes from farm income (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 753); and **Pages H8770–71, H8778**

Cooper amendment (No. 27 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that sought to comprehensively reform the federal crop insurance program, including the Administration's farm bill crop insurance proposals and to save \$4 billion while adding resources to the Grassland Reserve Program (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 250 noes, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 754). **Pages H8771–74, H8778–79**

Withdrawn:

Goodlatte amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have streamlined and adopted one set of terms and conditions of easements for the Wetlands Reserve Program, Grasslands Reserve Program, Farmland and Ranchland Protection Program, and Healthy Forest Reserve Program; **Pages H8747–49**

Cardoza amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the USDA to transition Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service employees responsible for plant pest inspection duties back to the USDA from the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H8749–51**

Welch (VT) amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a provision to the review process for the Federal Milk Marketing Order Review Commission to include an evaluation of cost of production variables, including cost of feed and cost of fuel; **Page H8759**

Blumenauer amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have made conservation easements purchased through a transferable development rights program eligible for grants under the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program; and **Pages H8759–60**

Arcuri amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have expressed the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should use existing authority when determining the Class I milk price mover to take into account the increased cost of production, including energy and feed. **Pages H8760–61**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H8789**

H. Res. 574, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Thursday, July 26th.

Improving America's Security Act of 2007: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1, to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, by a yea-and-nay vote of 371 yeas to 40 nays, Roll No. 757. **Pages H8789–H8812**

H. Res. 567, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote. **Page H8789**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative McCarthy (CA) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Homeland Security, effective today. **Page H8813**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, August 1st. **Page H8814**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 30th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H8814**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8745.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8774–75, H8775–76, H8776, H8776–76, H8777–78, H8778,

H8778–79, H8787–88, H8788–89, H8812. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRAQ POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3087, To require the President, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other senior military leaders, to develop and transmit to Congress a comprehensive strategy for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces in Iraq; and H.R. 3159, Ensuring Military Readiness Through Stability and Predictability Deployment Policy Act of 2007.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on these measures. Testimony was heard from GEN John M. Keane, USA (ret.), former Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; Lawrence J. Korb, former Assistant Secretary, Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations and Logistics, Department of Defense.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND MEDICARE PROTECTION (CHAMP) ACT OF 2007

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Continued consideration of H.R. 3162, Children's Health and Medicare Protection (CHAMP) Act of 2007.

Recessed subject to call.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1119, amended, Purple Heart Family Equity Act of 2007; and H.R. 1071, September 11 Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act.

LILLY LEDBETTER FAIR PAY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by vote of 7 to 3, a closed rule. The rule provides 1 hour of debate, H.R. 2831, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the provisions in